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SUBJ: NEW EXPLANATION FOR LIBYAN ARMS SHIPMENT

1. ACCORDING BELGIAN CHARGE, BURUNDI CHIEF OF STAFF COL. NDABAMEYE HAS STATED THAT ARMS SHIPMENT REPORTED REFTEL WAS NOT LIBYAN GIFT, BUT BOUGHT BY BROKER ON BURUNDI ACCOUNT, SHIPPED CLANDESTINELY THROUGH FRANCE AND ITALY, THEN BY BOAT TO TRIPOLI. LIBYANS SIMPLY PROVIDED FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM TRIPOLI. ACCORDING COLINEL, PRICE WAS THREE MILLION BURUNDI FRANCS (ABOUT \$40,000) LESS THAN IF GRB HAD BOUGHT FROM GOB.

2. BELGIAN DOUBTFUL THIS TRUE STORY, THINKING IT MORE
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LIKELY COVER STORY TO TRY HIDE DETAILS OF RELATIONS
WITH LIBYA. HOWEVER, HE IS ASKING BRUSSELS FOR
COMMENT.
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